

## **FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION DRESS CODE**

The guidelines for proper dress are as follows:

For both First Communion and Confirmation: Boys need to be dressed in dark pants, white shirt, tie (any color) and formal shoes. A sport coat or suit is appropriate but optional.

For First Communion, girls are to dress in a traditional white dress, white shoes and veil. Dress length should be knee-length or longer and shoulders need to be covered. If the dress has thin straps, then a sweater or shawl is appropriate. Similarly for Confirmation, dresses chosen need to be modest, appropriately reflecting the solemnity of ceremony.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

“Parents, above others, are obliged to form their children in the faith and practice of the Christian life by word and example.” (Canon 774 #2). Students receive Reconciliation in grade 3, Eucharist at the beginning of grade 4, and Confirmation in grade 9. Sacramental formation classes are required for both child and parents prior to receiving the sacraments.

Reception of the sacraments requires that both the children and the parents have taken the necessary steps to prepare for this celebration. **A minimum of 2 years of formal religions education is necessary before a student is ready to receive a sacrament and students need to exhibit a good understanding of the sacrament.** There is a sacramental preparation fee to help defray the cost of our sacramental preparation programs. See calendar for dates.

Students must demonstrate that they have sufficient knowledge of the sacrament by passing the Concepts of Faith test for the intended sacrament.